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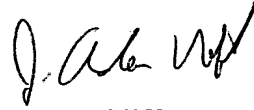
Sir:

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 29 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. References 1-13, 19-31 and 35 were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 10/255,617, filed September 27, 2002, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).
- ☒ 4. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

- ☒ 5. English language abstracts of non-English language references 32-34 are attached.

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